

Application No.: 10/629,537
Response dated January 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action of December 13, 2005

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement: The Office Action sets forth a requirement for restriction between:

Group I, Claims 70-86, drawn to a method of performing a cycloaddition reaction, classified in class 560, subclass 1+;

Group II, Claims 87-95, drawn to a reaction mixture, classified in class 585, subclass 361;

Group III, Claims 96-118, drawn to a method of performing an asymmetric catalytic reaction, classified in class various, subclass various;

Group IV, Claims 119-134, drawn to a reaction mixture, classified in class 585, subclass 361; and

Group V, Claim 135, drawn to a method of performing a hetero-Diels-Alder reaction, classified in class 585, 540, 544, 546, 548, 549, subclass various.

The Office has characterized the relationship between Groups I, II, III, IV, and V as distinct. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement of Groups I, II, III, IV, and V on the grounds that there is no burden on the Examiner, and the subject matter of the required search is sufficiently small and closely related as to be capable of being examined together. Consequently, the restriction between the claims in Groups I, II, III, IV, and V should be withdrawn.

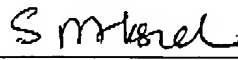
Applicants respectfully submit that present application is now in condition for examination. If, for any reason, the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the

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prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 321-4283

Respectfully submitted,

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